

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

RUBEN C. JONES,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 4:09CV00974 ERW
	)	
JILL McGUIRE,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER OF TRANSFER**

This matter is before the Court upon the petition of Ruben C. Jones for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and his application for leave to commence this action without payment of the required filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Upon consideration of the financial information provided with the application, the Court finds that petitioner is financially unable to pay any portion of the filing fee. Therefore, the Court grants petitioner leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Petitioner is challenging the August 3, 1994 conviction imposed by the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri. The Court's records show that petitioner has previously brought two § 2254 petitions for writs of habeas corpus challenging his August 3, 1994 conviction. See Jones v. Missouri, No. 4:96-CV-679-ERW (E.D.Mo.); Jones v. Dwyer, No. 4:06-CV-30-ERW (E.D.Mo.).

Title 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A) provides that "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application."

Because petitioner did not obtain permission from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals to maintain the instant § 2254 application in this Court, the Court lacks authority to grant petitioner the relief he seeks. Rather than dismiss this action, the Court will transfer the petition to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631. See In re Sims, 111 F.3d 45, 47 (6th Cir. 1997); Coleman v. United States, 106 F.3d 339 (10th Cir. 1997); Liriano v.

United States, 95 F.3d 119, 122-23 (2d Cir. 1996).

Therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that petitioner's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis [Doc. #2] is **GRANTED**.

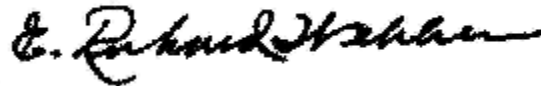
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no order to show cause shall issue as to the respondent, because the instant petition is successive under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner's application for a writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED**, without prejudice.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **TRANSFER** the instant petition to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED** as moot [Doc. #4].

So Ordered this 10th Day of July, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Richard Webber", written in a cursive style.

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**E. RICHARD WEBBER**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**